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### **NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE**

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally slow to moderate with trading limited to regular commitments as buyers look to other traditional Easter holiday items. Supplies of all sizes ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs. In the parts structure, tenders were balanced to tight and well cleared. The remaining items were at least sufficient to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy.

<u>Preliminary report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/14/03-04/18/03 (cents per lb)

**US GRADE A** (Including branded product)

CO CITABLY (morading branada product)							
<u>AREAS</u>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	WTD AVG	<b>LOADS</b>			
Delivered to Fir	rst Receivers						
Chicago	47.00-50.00	45.00-59.00	49.20	25			
Los Angeles	69.00						
New York	50.00-53.00						
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent							

Mississippi 58.50-63.00 45.00-66.00 62.92 84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

	PRELIMINAR'	Y FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
915	55.80-65.75	63.37
Georgia f.o.b. dock of	confirmed prelimina	ry weighted average price on
ice packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM (	CENTS PER POUND	<u>(000 POUNDS)</u>
LINE RUN TENDER	S 180.50	1,141
BREASTS - B/S	157.00	4,724
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,224
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.50	824

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8,124

3.229

21.00

69.00

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were available, but not as burdensome as prior trading period. Trade interest was cautious and opting to fill in for immediate needs only. Retail and food service remained irregular and in a full range; generally light to moderate into retail and moderate into food service. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Trading on parts was limited as buyers preoccupied with other proteins for the Easter season; fairly good interest and trading noted for shipment after Easter. Supplies of tenderloins were in close balance, small wings and boneless/skinless breasts adequate with dark meat items fully available. The market tone was steady overall with undertone barely steady to instances weak on dark meat items.

<u>SOUTHERN</u> Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Tenders were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items and wings were in a better balance, but still available. Dark meat items were at least adequate with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate, at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/ fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive demand was seasonally light. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were adequate to available. Tenderloins remained the best balanced item.

<u>WESTERN</u> Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday's levels. Trading reported for next week's deliveries generally at unchanged prices mainly on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings, although in somewhat better balance, was moderate overall. Buying activity was fair. Retail demand moderate best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Southern California — whole body 49-119, whole cut-up 89-119, seasoned whole body 97, marinated Cornish hen 199, cornish hen 129, roaster 129, boneless breast 179-399, breast steak 249, boneless breast IQF 3# 798 and 4# 999, breast tender IQF 4# 1099, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless thigh meat IQF 3# 498, boneless leg meat marinated 199, boneless leg meat 77-98, whole breast 99, split breast 97, split breast IQF 4# 498, leg quarter 49-99, leg quarter 10# bag 250-290, leg quarter 40# case 999, marinated leg quarter 89, whole leg 67, wing 69-99, wing IQF 4# 498, drumette IQF 3# 598, thigh 47-169, thigh IQF 4# 2 for 500, drumstick 47-169, drumstick IQF 4# 2 for 500, drumstick 5# bag 195, picnic pack drumstick and thigh combo 98, (food service deli section fried - mixed 8 piece 399, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 298);

Northern California — whole body 79, whole body free range 159, whole cut- up 119, roaster 129, boneless breast 189-399, split breast 149-179, drumstick 139, thigh 139, leg quarter free range 149, leg quarter 79, wing 139;

<u>Colorado</u> – whole body 59, boneless breast 399 buy one get one free, boneless breast 199, seasoned boneless breast 349, boneless thigh 199, split breast 199, leg quarter 79, drumstick IQF 4# 276-300, thigh IQF 4# 276-300;

<u>Arizona</u> – whole body 59, boneless breast 177-549, breast fillet 349, split breast 99-299, leg quarter 10# bag 190-590, leg quarter 79, drumstick 99-159, thigh 49-99.

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally reduced as buyers increased receipts of hams, turkeys and other traditional fare for the upcoming holiday period. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for trade inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as adequate and in manageable balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BIG INDED THE THIRD IN COLD TO THE TOTAL CONTROLLING IN CO.					
		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A			
RANGE		50-65			
WEIGHTED AVER	RAGE	55.14			
NO. OF BOXES		6,949			
CUMULATIVE	04/07/03-04/11/03	54.68			
	04/08/02-04/12/02	49.41			
NO. OF BOXES	04/07/03-04/11/03	39,100			
	04/08/02-04/12/02	46,016			
*8 of 8 plants reporting.					

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APR 10		SO	UTHERN STA	TES BROI	LER/FRYE	R PARTS				APR 11
	<b>POUNDS</b>			WTD	POUNDS	6			WEEK	<b>ILY</b>
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	<u>MAJORITY</u>	AVG	(000)	RANGE	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	<u>(000)</u>	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	920 13	30.00-230.00	132-135	135.31	950	131.00-230.00	133-139	137.14	4,625	135.60
TENDERLOINS	223 13	30.00-190.00	130-134	141.35	125	134.00-190.00	-	157.52	1,139	141.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	82.00-89.00	82-84	83.78	59	82.00-89.00	83-85	84.74	385	84.04
FRONT HALVES	TO	O FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		217	72.35
LEGS	93	24.00-38.00	25-27	27.96	93	24.00-38.00	26-27	27.96	471	27.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK	598	16.00-19.50	-	17.03	635	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.02	3,169	17.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,117	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.80	1,347	18.00-26.00	19-22	21.20	5,725	20.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	45.00-70.00	-	61.42	102	45.00-70.00	-	61.42	1,050	65.83
WINGS (CUT)	675	60.00-84.00	73-76	75.35	510	60.00-84.00	78-80	77.66	2,497	77.65
DRUMSTICKS	TO	O FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		349	38.52
THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		100	39.61
B/S THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO RE	PORT		TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		172	56.23
WHOLE BODY INDEX B	ASED ON	SOUTHERN	STATES PAF	**************************************	**********	*******************************	ASED ON SC	UTHERN ST	ATES PA	***********
TRADING FOR APR 10, 2	2003 F.O.I	B. DOCK.	TODAY'S		TRADIN	G FOR APR 11,	2003 F.O.B. [	OCK. TOD	AY'S	5-DAY
<u> </u>	RANGE		<u>AVERAGE</u>				<u>RANGE</u>	<u>AVE</u> F	RAGE	<u>AVERAGE</u>
42.50 - The Index is intended solely	46.25 as an indic	cator of values for	44.84 or commodity-t	ype produc	t and does	43.0 not represent indu	00 - 46.25 istry's willingn	4 ess to sell or a	4.88 bility to bu	44.76 ıy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly as dealers assumed product to cover weekend needs, however, demand was noted as fair at best overall. Offerings of breast items remained at least adequate. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were more than sufficient. Tenderloins continued in good balance. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone remained fully steady on tenderloins and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

APR 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD		<b>CURRENT NEG</b>	WTD			WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVO	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	147.30	449,320	145-150	147.45	415,451	147.90	2,214,115
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.57	151,160	125-130	133.08	83,400	126.44	632,890
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.21	224,680	78-79	85.26	155,760	85.21	855,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.62	121,600	78	81.08	74,080	80.70	526,360
LEGS	32-33	32.49	285,640	32-33	32.54	259,360	32.46	1,334,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.11	402,189	20-21	21.23	227,280	21.21	2,029,752
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.05	129,540	23-24	31.02	67,040	28.57	597,600
THIGHS	22-23	28.30	71,410	22-23	33.20	49,960	31.64	274,880
B/S THIGHS	62-63	66.76	86,883	62-63	63.98	91,240	66.42	411,625
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	62.48	190,460	58-59	65.22	154,720	61.73	758,660
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPE	ED) 10-12	12.41	32,800	10-12	12.06	35,880	12.09	169,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.73	13,480	30-35	31.64	11,360	28.17	82,405
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.75	17,600	40-45	41.41	32,800	42.05	112,140

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).\* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>ESTIM</b>	<u>ATED</u>	ACT	<u>UAL</u>	AVG V	<u>NTS</u>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>AVG WTS</b>
	04/11	04/10	04/09	04/08	04/09	04/08	04/04	04/02
ALA	3,878	3,950	3,706	3,914	5.16	5.27	4,257	5.25
ARK	5,090	5,254	5,231	5,175	5.02	5.03	5,091	5.05
DELMARVA	2,184	2,297	2,368	2,181	5.17	5.27	2,201	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,923	1,920	1,884	1,914	4.89	4.91	1,800	4.81
MISS	2,513	2,938	2,740	2,842	5.32	5.27	2,274	5.34
NC	2,192	2,374	2,422	2,659	6.03	6.03	2,444	6.09
TEXAS	2,600	2,470	2,439	2,356	5.05	4.97	3,182	4.99
TOTAL	20,380	21,203	20,790	20,925	5.21	5.24	21,249	5.23
MON-FRI	105,292(A	A)					105,193(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Apr 03 and 12-Apr-03 is estimated to be 30,491,000 down 4.37 percent from a week ago and down 3.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,886,000; last year 31,464,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Apr-03 is estimated to be 152,154,000 head down 3 percent from a week ago, and down 3 percent from a year ago (Last week 156,255,000 Last year 157,463,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

RANGE

APR 11

FRESH FRYERS 91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP 80-95
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5# 65
DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS FRESH FRYERS **DRY PACK** 103-104 **ICE PACK** 96-99 **ROASTERS 4# & UP** DRY PACK 113 ICE PACK 104-105 HENS OVER 5# ICE PACK 91-98 DRY PACK **DUCKS** 155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 29-Mar-03 (Preliminary).

classified by live wt., week ending 29-Mar-03 (Preliminary),								
(A) Fas	t food/ (	B) Retail	(C) Deboning					
Foo	Food service							
4.20	0 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up					
	TH	OUSANDS						
Head	33,617	26,598	49,199					
Avg Weight	3.86	4.73	6.04					
% of total /1	31%	24%	45%					
COMPARISONS								
Last week	27,427	29,572	40,349					
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.30					
% of total /1	28%	30%	41%					
Same week, yr ago /2	26,918	19,709	47,790					
Avg Weight	3.78	4.71	6.00					
% of total /1	29%	21%	51%					
To date/2003	312,416	282,490	554,820					
To date/2002	401,363	304,454	612,079					

- /1May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

## **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
		-THOUS	ANDS		
HEAD	156,255	1,801	1,347	3,148	422
AVG WT	5.06	3.30	7.94	5.29	6.54
LAST WEEK	152,814	1,980	1,391	3,371	413
SAME WK YR AC	O 152,511	1,982	1,263	3,245	363
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.86	5.23	6.63
TO-DATE/2003	2,090,894	23,184	18,789	41,973	5,838
TO-DATE/2002	2,129,420	25,302	18,021	43,323	6,146
(A) The estimate	ed number of	fryers av	ailable fo	r marketi	ing based
on the 2-week re	evised averag	ge chick p	lacemer	ts 6 to 7	weeks
earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this					
period 158.2 million head or 2.8 million head more than or 102% of					
estimated fryers available.					

# **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -** DATE OF AUCTION: APR 08, 2003 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

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	RANGE		RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.15	Geese				
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.10	9-14 LBS	.6570			
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.00ea.			
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.6080	White Pigeons	3.85 - 4.10ea.			
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.30	Rabbits				
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.60			
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20	Rabbits				
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.80			
7-11 LBS	.7080	Bunnies	4.00 -13.00ea.			
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 2.40	Guinea Pigs	9.00 -12.00ea.			
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 7.00ea.	Goats	20.00 -27.00ea.			
Banty Hens	2.75 - 4.00ea.	Kid Goats	15.00 -21.00ea.			
Silkies	1.50 - 2.50ea.	Doves	3.75 - 6.00ea.			
		Chukars	1.75 - 5.00ea.			
-		Total Coops S	old 750			

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-APR-2003 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	<b>FROZEN</b> 140	<b>FRESH</b> 146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-64	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-85	62-71

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 60.48-69.66 14 OZ. 66.96-76.14 16 OZ. 73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Weights were desireable. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings and \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIV-ERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-APR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

# ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION F	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE PCT		<b>AVG WT</b>
MARCH	1	150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
	8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
	15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
	22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
	29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL	5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
YEAR TO DATE		2116.4	2144.2	99%	
APRIL	12		154.3		
	19		154.5		

### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

THOUSANDS								
W/E	04/12/03	04/05/03	<u>% CHG</u>	04/13/02	<u>% CHG</u>			
Broilers	152,154	156,255*	-03	157,463*	-03			
Cattle	646	642	+01	644*	0			
Hogs	1,901	1,880	+01	1,919*	-01			
Under Federal Inspection								
* ACTUAL	-							

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Trading was mostly light. Offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing satisfactorily at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND. CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23

**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

29-35 MAJORITY 31-32 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 22-26.5 MAJORITY 24.75-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS) 31.5-37 MAJORITY 33-34

### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD. GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION** Removal values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully sufficient for trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly steady.

**MAJORITY** RANGE REMOVAL COST 0-8 5-6

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Offerings of leghorn hens were fully adequate for a slow demand. Costs of salvage were generally unchanged from the past week. Schedules were as desired. Values were viewed as unchanged.

RANGE

**MAJORITY** 

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings fully adequate to occasionally heavy. Many producers were clearing spent fowl in the next few weeks after the Easter holiday passes. Opinions of value were steady to fully steady.

MAJORITY RANGE REMOVAL COST 0-8.5 3.0-6

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked moderate slaughter schedules. Offerings were light to adequate.

### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14 -APR-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate but not as active. Offerings were generally adequate for the reduced holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and well cleared. The undertone was generally steady.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Interest for at least adequate supplies of spent hens was fair. Finished sales were seasonally good with supplies sufficent to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steadv.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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